



Francis Tate Barn

Francis Tate came to America from England with his family in 1876 and settled in Salt Lake City. In 1898, he purchased the farm of Curtiss and McClellan and some time around the turn-of-the-century built this barn.

The Tate barn was the first of its kind in Wasatch County and was built by real craftsmen. It has a timber frame which means that the barn was built by mortise and tenon. This method of building used one inch oak dowels rather than nails for connecting the timber.

Because this barn was built be-

on the ground in individual sections called bents (kind of like trusses that we use today). Each bent was built on the ground and then with the use of horses, pulleys and a great deal of man power were stood up and put together with connecting beams. Men from all around would come to help stand up and connect the bents. The barn is made from red pine which is believed to have been taken out of Snake Creek.

Mr. Tate raised purebred short-

horn cattle and Percheron horses and had one of the first herds of pure bred cattle. His cattle were ranged on a 1,100 acre tract of grazing ground in the Deer Creek area. He later went in for Hereford cattle and developed one of the finest Jersey dairy herds in the valley.

In 1963 or 1964, this barn and surrounding property was purchased by the State Park. This past February heavy snow caused a partial cave-in of the barn's roof.

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Have You Given?

It comes only once a year, and for a seemingly brief moment people are happier, more willing to help one another and show their best side. Once again Christmas is upon us. The question to be asked at this time of year is: Our we content with what we have given to those around us? In Wasatch County, scores of people have noticeably contributed to the Sub-for-Santa program, the Other Elves project, and good will can be seen in the simple gifts of food and cards that are handed out by neighbors and friends.

Residents of Wasatch County have much to be grateful for. The good will that stems from the season should motivate each of us to resolve to allow the giving spirit to carry forward—long into

the new year. Giving of our time and attention to others, though not a gift wrapped in paper, is often difficult in our busy and hurried lives. But for those who master the talent of genuine caring for their own families, neighbors and even strangers, life takes on a greater meaning.

For those of you who have opened your hearts and given to others, we thank you.

We urge everyone to take the challenge and look for opportunities to help another person this Christmas season. Service to others too often is put off until tomorrow. Let us resolve to do something today and make someone's challenges a little lighter. Merry Christmas!

Trucks Create Too Much Noise At Smith's

Dear Editor: Does anyone know Smith's phone number? It's 3:00 a.m. and one of Smith's trucks are across the street unloading groceries at Smith's store, 550 North Main. We have talked to Smith's store manager, Kyle, and asked if the trucks could deliver a little later in the morning, around 7:00 a.m., whatever works best for them. We also asked the store manager, Kyle, to please use something under the dock plates that could hold the noise level down. Unfortunately, they are just as loud as ever.

If I can't sleep at night, because Smith's store is

whole problem by them; maybe they would have some suggestions for the peace and quiet of the neighborhood. At 2:00 a.m. or 3:00 a.m., your mind can be quite clear.

"Hello Smith's? You weren't sleeping were you? That's funny, I couldn't sleep either. I'll call later when the next truck arrives."

Because when there's a problem like this that is taken care of, it only means that someone doesn't know or someone doesn't care. So, Smith's, now that you